



**THE PARISHES OF
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG**

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 5th July, 2020

MESSAGE FROM FR. EDMUND

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

May the peace and joy of Christ be with me.

Let us praise, adore and thank God from who all blessings flow, for the grace to have the church re-open for private prayer to begin with, and look forward to greater times to come.

The catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe - even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature."

Today we rejoice for, Christ Jesus our Eternal King comes to us in humility. He who is just, meek and humble of heart comes to proclaim peace to all Nations.

Let us praise His Holy Name every day, for He is the King of kings and Lord of Lords, He is full of Mercy and kindness, slow to anger and rich in compassion. The Lord is faithful in all His words and Holy in all His works. His works are exceedingly good, His judgements are true, and all things are ruled by His providence. To Him be all praise and glory for ever and ever.

Beloved, through water and the Spirit [Baptism] we are blessed to be called children of God, and that is indeed what we are. So, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ who calls us to learn from Him and exalt His Holy Name.

We are called to learn from Christ Jesus by listening and hearing His teachings about the Father, His teachings about Himself and His teachings about the Sacraments, Resurrection and Eternal life as presented to us in Holy Scriptures and through the Magisterium of the Church.

By His teaching our minds are made Holy and our hearts are renewed; and filled with the Holy Spirit we are enabled to put into practice what we have learned that we may bear the fruits of the Spirit that endures for all eternity for the Glory of His Holy Name.

Beloved, let us Love Jesus in all things and faithfully follow Him in all we do or say for he that embraces Jesus shall stand firm forever.

God love you all.

United in Prayer!

MASS INTENTIONS: Father Edmund will continue to celebrate a private Mass each day. *On Sundays, Father celebrates Mass for all the People of both our Parishes, for the NHS, Care Home Staff and Frontline Workers/Volunteers.* On other days in addition to Mass for the people he will pray for a specific intention. If you wish to submit an intention for a Mass, please do so via Parish Mobile clearly stating the intention for which the Mass is to be offered and your preferred date OR e-mail to maesteg@rcadc.org. *Father agrees to celebrate these Masses on trust and the Mass Offering can be made when things return to normal or if you prefer, drop through the Presbytery letter box or send cheque made payable to Father Edmund Neizer.*

“ Jesus declares in the Gospel today – he is one with the Father, and that all things have been entrusted to him. He invites all those who are overburdened to come to him, for his yoke is easy, his burden light. The Spirit of Christ living within us gives us hope, that even in the midst of the trials of our times; Jesus is with us, sharing in our suffering, carrying us in ways that we may not yet even recognise”

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 5th July:

**Antonio Belli, Antonio Spagna, Giovanna Sidoli
and those who died on the Arandora Star *RIP***

People of our Parishes. NHS, Care Home' Staff and frontline workers/volunteers.

Monday: 6th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 14

Raynor Lewis *RIP (M&F)*

Tuesday: 7th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 14

Peter Ronan *RIP (MD)* Angelo Rossetti *RIP (KR)*

Wednesday: 8th July: Weekday in Ordinary Year II, Week 14

Irene Doyle *RIP (MTB)*

Thursday: 9th July: Weekday in Ordinary Year II, Week 14

Albert Williams *RIP (P&C)*

Friday: 10th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 14

Mavis & Jack Harris *RIP (ML)*

Saturday: 11th July: ST BENEDICT

Anne & James Keane *RIP* Lesley Sharman *RIP (C&E)*

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12th July: SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers giving thanks for the crucial work they undertake

People of our Parishes. NHS, Care Home' Staff and frontline workers/volunteers.

WE PRAY FOR

- those suffering with Coronavirus and to the many who have died from the virus (*we plead for the end to the pandemic*)
- those who are working/volunteering in the NHS, Care Homes, on the frontline,
- in the fight against Coronavirus; **WHICH INCLUDE SEVERAL OF OUR**
- **PARISHIONERS.** (*Thank you for your care, love, commitment and compassion*)
- our Parishioners who are in hospital
- our Parishioners who are sick and housebound and for those who care for them
- our Parishioners undergoing tests and treatments
- our relatives, friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners during this difficult time of isolation (*let us be kind, keep safe, look after each other*)
- our Parishioners who have died recently. (*May they rest in peace and rise in Eternal Glory; our sympathies and prayers be with their families*).
- *our faithful departed Parishioners who have anniversaries at this time.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JULY: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

ARANDORA STAR 80TH ANNIVERSARY:

This month marks the eightieth anniversary of the sinking of the Arandora Star.

53 Welsh Italians lost their lives;

amongst them were

Antonio Belli, Antonia Spagna and Giovanni Sidoli -
dear family members and friends of our community.

Father Edmund will be celebrating Mass today for the repose of their souls.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

(A "memorial plaque" is located in our Cathedral Church, St David, Cardiff)

RE-OPENING OF OUR LADY & ST PATRICK PARISH CHURCH

We have received authorisation to re-open for individual/private prayer; from today our Church will be open on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at arranged times.

Only a limited number of people can be allowed into the church for a particular time.

Please contact the volunteer stewards to advice which day you wish to visit so that a slot can be booked for you. We need to know how many people to expect in order to protect your health and safety.

TIMES AND DAYS OF OPENING:

SUNDAY 11 am to 1 pm - COLLETTE 07702023565

TUESDAY 11 am to 1 pm - DEREK OR DENIS 01656 731767 (ANY AFTERNOON AFTER 2PM)

THURSDAY 10 am to 12 noon - COLLETTE 07702023565

The Church has been laid out with a one-way system in place and with specific places for you to sit. Stewards will be in attendance to assist you. Please adhere to the strict social distancing guidelines and use the hand sanitiser provided. May God richly bless you. Stay safe and remain in God's love and care.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least Spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THIS TIME OF TRIAL: God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, Give strength to those who are aiding the Sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. Amen.

PRAYER FOR US IN THIS TIME OF NEED:

Heavenly Father, who sent the ten plagues to free his children, and protected them by the blood of the Lamb, bless all those affected by the Coronavirus. Encourage and strengthen those who seek a cure. Protect all who care or work in the NHS and FRONT LINE. Send your Holy Angels to guard us and bring us safely through this time of trial. May your Holy Mother care for us as she did for the sick child Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Follow this with one Our Father, three Hail Marys) Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for us. St. Raphael Archangel. Pray for us. St Luke, the Physician. Pray for us. St. Bernadette. Pray for us.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE SICK & DYING: Sadly because of the restrictions Priests are unable to visit the sick in hospital or at home at this time. If you have sick or dying family, please do continue to contact Father Edmund (07964366710) who will discuss the way forward.

FUNERALS: Please be advised that Priests and Deacons can only conduct a Funeral service in the Crematorium or at the graveside during this time. No Requiem Masses or services are allowed in Church. A Memorial Service for those deceased may be held later once all returns to normal.

All funerals will take place privately in line with current advice from the Welsh Assembly Government.

SUNDAY AND DAILY MASS:

St Mary's Bridgend, (Father Tim McGrath) now LIVE STREAM –
click on home page of their Website for timetable of Masses.

St Mary & All Saints, Stowhill, Newport (Father Michael Doyle)
Change of times, check their Website.

St Teilo's, Whitchurch, Cardiff, 10 am (Canon William Isaac)

If you have no access to the internet and livestream Mass, a local telephone number has been set up which will lead you in a 10-15minute period of prayer and reflection relating to the Sunday readings. Telephone: 01633 982483

A service for those of our parishioners and others, who are without access to the Internet
"DIAL FOR MASS" service - 029 2267 0999
2 PM on Sunday and available during the week.

Thanks for visiting "You Tube" and participating in the live streams within the Archdiocese, although we may be physically separated, we are spiritually united.

STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS & BANK TRANSFERS FOR MAY 2020

St Robert Parish: £155; Our Lady & St Patrick Parish £699.00.

Sincere thanks to all those who have responded giving via standing order to our Parishes.

Your contributions are a very important part of our parish income and are very much appreciated and it would be most helpful if you could consider giving your donations by setting up a Standing Order. You can do this through your own bank by telephone, mobile or Internet banking. The details you need are contained below.

(However, if this is something you feel you are unable to do by all means hold onto your offerings until you are next able to attend Church or send a cheque, made payable to Our Lady & St Patrick's Parish OR St Robert's Parish and send to Father Edmund, The Presbytery, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY.

It is understandable that in these difficult and uncertain times it may not be possible for people to give. Whatever your circumstances thank you for your prayers and support.

To set up a standing order or Bank Transfer the details for each Parish are as follows:

**Bank Name: BARCLAYS BANK PLC
CITY OF CARDIFF, BRANCH CARDIFF, CF1 1SG**

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF
PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK CHURCH, MAESTEG**

Sort Code: 20-18-23 Account Number: 43706869

OR

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF
PARISH OF ST. ROBERT CHURCH, ABERKENFIG**

Sort Code: 20-18-23 Account Number: 73394867

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To Bank / Building Society *

Address

..... Post Code.....

Please set up a new standing order to:

**Barclays Bank PLC,
City of Cardiff Branch,
Cardiff CF1 1SG**

Sort Code: 20-18-23

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF
PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
Account No.: 43706869**

Please debit my/our bank account as follows:

Account Name:

Account No.:

Sort Code:

the sum of £..... (amount in words)

starting on the..... day of (month)(year)

and on the same day every month until further notice.

Signature(s)

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Address

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..... Post Code

Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of the same beneficiary. This standing order supersedes all former arrangements.

Please send this form to your bank

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